



Chair Jon Netts called the **RCI Board Meeting** to order at 12:30 pm on Monday, September 26, 2016 with the following Board members present: Vice Chair Ms. Nazzaro, Mr. Page, Mr. Rhodes, Ms. Bishop, Mr. Gonzalez, Mr. Crowe, Dr. White, Mr. Palmer, and Mr. Conkey at the meeting and Ms. Phelan on the phone. There was a quorum. Mr. Teeple and Ms. Moehring represented staff. Several members of the RCI monitored the meeting, as it occurred directly after RLA graduation and the RCI Annual Meeting.

The Board Meeting took place at the Northeast Florida Regional Council, Soforenko Board Room, 6850 Belfort Oaks Place, Jacksonville, Florida, 32216. The minutes from the June 27, 2016 meeting were approved unanimously under a motion by Mr. Gonzalez with a second from Ms. Bishop. The Chair invited public input.

**Election of Officers due to vacancy:** Secretary/Treasurer SLATE: Ms. Teresa Bishop. Ms. Bishop's appointment was made by consensus of the Board.

**Sub-Committee Reports: Policy Work for 2015/2016 and 2016/2017:** Mr. Conkey discussed the work of the Transportation Sub-Committee and its participation in Tampa to Jacksonville Corridor Planning. He provided that based upon the work of this committee, FDOT has an opportunity to look at the area as a whole and enhance the overall corridor. The committee created guiding principles for planning and design based upon Conservation, Countryside, Centers and Communities, Corridors, Corridor Function and Design, and Economics. The Committee also made recommendations to the Department of Transportation to consider a wider range of stakeholders in the planning of this route based upon geographical location of the roadway and connections; to work closely with the Northeast Florida Regional Council as they continue to study and plan mobility needs; and stakeholders should be fully engaged in transportation planning and stay engaged through construction. Discussion ensued regarding the recommendations and the guidelines and whether these should be considered in modifying First Coast Vision. Mr. Rhodes noted the vision was prepared in 2011 and has not been changed but the area has grown. Discussion ensued as to whether revision is needed to reflect known changed circumstances (Florida 2070, sea level rise, First Coast Expressway, other roads, and water). Might this enhance the vision as a document to impact decisions? Further discussion took place on how changes could be made; Mr. Teeple recommended an addendum approach. The Board commended the Transportation Committee, Mr. Conkey and Mr. Teeple on their work. There was additional Board discussion on growth in Northeast Florida.

The Water Sub-committee is in the initial phases.

**Leadership Report:** Ms. Moehring requested the Board think of topics that may be interesting for future RLA classes to attend. She indicated she always interested in finding ways to improve the sessions. The 2016 graduating class in attendance as well as Board members provided ideas, to include but not limited to, water and options of supply and distribution for a growing population, agricultural land use, have local government department heads and private business leaders talk to the class, the nuts and bolts of local government, how leaders can be effective, the impact of infrastructure failures, Jax Port (potential expansions or relocation) and success and failures of CRAs in the Region.

**Marketing Report:** Ms. Moehring provided the website is being improved for better consistency with the Northeast Florida Regional Council website; she also wants to promote additional social events for the RCI; and promote outreach to and coordination with other leadership groups such County Leadership programs.

**Funding:** Ms. Moehring reported there may be grant opportunities around Thriving Small Business. She also provided she is looks for grant opportunities that may assist in RCI. Mr. Conkey suggested the RCI seek sponsorship and asked if there were legal or other ramifications of sponsorship. Staff will research.



There was additional discussion on grant availability, marketing plans, non-profit groups and foundation support.

**Recognition:** Mr. Gonzalez said he was leaving the Board due to other commitments. Chair Netts recognized his dedication and provided he was one of the first members of the RCI. The Board further commended Mr. Gonzalez. Mr. Gonzales and Mr. Strickland will both receive letters of thanks from the Board Chair as they finish their service on the Board.

**General Discussion:** Mr. Teeple provided the Regional Council would be relocating in the near future.

**General Public Comment:** Mayor Netts called for public comment. There was none.

Mayor Netts provided the 2017 meeting dates to be January 23, March 27, June 26 and September 25.

Meeting adjourned 1:15 PM.